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rotor shaft, such as rotor shaft 24 (shown in Figure 1). It is contemplated that the present invention may be practiced with a variety of bearing assemblies similar or dissimilar to bearing assembly 34. Therefore, bearing assembly 34 is illustrated for exemplary purposes only and is not intended to limit the invention to any particular type of bearing assembly. It is further contemplated that other frames may be used to receive bearing support bracket assembly 32 within the scope of the present invention.

Remarks

The Office Action mailed March 28, 2001 has been carefully reviewed and the foregoing amendment has been made in consequence thereof. Submitted herewith is a Submission of Marked Up Paragraphs.

Claims 1-24 are now pending in this application. Claims 1-24 stand rejected.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), a three month extension of time is submitted herewith to extend the due date of the response to the Office Action dated March 28, 2001, for the above-identified patent application from June 28, 2001, through and including September 28, 2001. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), authorization to charge a deposit account in the amount of \$890.00 to cover this extension of time request also is submitted herewith.

Applicant notes and respectfully traverses the objection to the drawings. More specifically, the specification has been amended such the frame is identified with reference numeral 30 and the bearing support bracket assembly is identified with reference numeral 32, throughout the entirety of Applicant's specification. For the reasons set forth above, Applicant requests that the objection to the drawings be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 is respectfully traversed. Applicant submits that Claim 4 is definite because it particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. More particularly, Applicant submits that the phrase 'substantially parallel' particularly points out and distinctly claims the subject matter

which Applicant regards as the invention. Words of approximation considered alone are not indefinite. Furthermore, words of approximation are not indefinite if one of ordinary skill in the art would understand what was meant by a claimed approximation. See Andrew Corp. v. Gabriel Electronics, 847 F.2d 819 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Applicant submits that one of ordinary skill in the art would understand the scope of 'substantially parallel' in light of Applicant's specification. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the scope of Claim 4 is clear to one of ordinary skill in the art, and thus Claim 4 is definite. For the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 112 rejection of Claim 4 be withdrawn.

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The rejection of Claims 1-24 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,763,031 (Wang) is respectfully traversed.

Wang describes an electric motor and gearbox unit 8, including a motor 10 and an epicyclic gearbox 21. Motor 10 includes an output shaft 24 that is attached at a first end to a cooling fan blade 23. A second end of output shaft 24 extends into an integral casing 20 of gearbox 21 at a first side of gearbox 21. Gearbox 21 further includes an output shaft 30 that extends outwardly from a second side of gearbox 21, and a lid 32. Lid 32 is configured with a series of outstanding collars 41 that extend outwardly from lid 32. Each collar 41 includes an aperture 43 that is configured to receive a bolt 31. Unit 8 is mounted to a base 175 of a food processor 3 using apertures 43 and bolts 31.

Claim 1 recites a bracket assembly for a dynamoelectric machine comprising "a base plate...a bracket support assembly extending from said base plate, said bracket support assembly comprising a first end plate, a second end plate and a support member connected to at least one support plate."

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Wang does not describe nor suggest a bracket assembly for a dynamoelectric machine, wherein the bracket assembly includes a bracket support assembly having a first end plate, a second end plate and a support member connected to a support plate. Rather, Wang describes a lid for an electric motor and gearbox unit that includes a plurality of collars extending from the

lid, wherein each collar includes apertures for mounting the motor and gearbox unit onto a food processor. More specifically, Wang does not describe nor suggest a bracket support assembly that includes a first end plate, a second end plate and a support member connected to a support plate. Indeed, Examiner has not directed Applicant to any description or illustration within Wang of a first end plate, a second end plate, a support member, or a support plate for a bracket support assembly. For at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 1 is submitted to be patentable over Wang. }

Claims 2-13 depend, directly or indirectly, from independent Claim 1. When the recitations of Claims 2-13 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 1, Applicant submits that dependent Claims 2-13 likewise are patentable over Wang.

Claim 14 recites a dynamoelectric machine comprising "a frame...a stator disposed in said frame and comprising a stator bore...a rotor within said stator bore and comprising a rotor shaft...a bearing assembly for supporting said rotor shaft and facilitating rotational movement thereof...a bracket assembly coupled to said frame and receiving said rotor shaft, said bracket assembly comprising a base plate and a bracket support assembly extending therefrom, said bracket support assembly comprising a first end plate, a second end plate and a support member connected to at least one support plate."

Wang does not describe nor suggest a dynamoelectric machine including a bracket assembly, wherein the bracket assembly includes a bracket support assembly having a first end plate, a second end plate and a support member connected to at least one support plate. Rather, Wang describes a lid for an electric motor and gearbox unit that includes a plurality of collars extending from the lid, wherein each collar includes apertures for mounting the motor and gearbox unit onto a food processor. More specifically, Wang does not describe nor suggest a bracket support assembly that includes a first end plate, a second end plate and a support member connected to a support plate. Indeed, Examiner has not directed Applicant to any description or illustration within Wang of a first end plate, a second end plate, a support member, or a support plate.

plate for a bracket support assembly. For at least the reasons set forth above, Claim 14 is submitted to be patentable over Wang.

Claims 15-24 depend, directly or indirectly, from independent Claim 14. When the recitations of Claims 15-24 are considered in combination with the recitations of Claim 14, Applicant submits that dependent Claims 15-24 likewise are patentable over Wang.

For at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Section 102 rejection of Claim 1-24 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all claims now active in this application are believed to be in condition for allowance. Therefore, reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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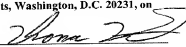
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SUBMISSION OF MARKED UP PARAGRAPHS

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Submitted herewith are marked up paragraphs in accordance with 37 C.F.R.
1.121(b)(1)(iii).

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 25, and ending on page 3, line 7 as follows:

Figure 2 illustrates an exemplary frame 30, such as for dynamoelectric machine 10 (shown in Figure 1), with which the invention may be practiced. A bearing support bracket assembly 32 is mounted, coupled, or otherwise attached to frame 30 and supports a bearing assembly 34. Bearing assembly 34 includes a bore 36 which receives, and allows rotation of, a

rotor shaft, such as rotor shaft 24 (shown in Figure 1). It is contemplated that the present invention may be practiced with a variety of bearing assemblies similar or dissimilar to bearing assembly 34. Therefore, bearing assembly 34 is illustrated for exemplary purposes only and is not intended to limit the invention to any particular type of bearing assembly. It is further contemplated that other frames may be used to receive bearing support bracket assembly [30] 32 within the scope of the present invention.

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